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CHURCH UNION HELD ILLEGAL

Supreme Court of Missouri Decides That Presbyterians Can't Unite.

HITS NEAR-BY CHURCHES

Court Through Judge Graves Holds That Without Revision of Creed the Cumberlandians Must Remain Separate.

A supreme court decision of interest to church members throughout the state and of special moment to several churches in this county was handed down through Judge Graves last Tuesday morning in the case of *Boyles et al. vs. Roberts et al.*

The suit grew out of the union of the Presbyterian church and the Cumberland Presbyterian church in the year 1906, and involved the church property formerly held by the Cumberland Presbyterians at Warrensburg, Mo. Boyles, and the other plaintiffs, were formerly Cumberland Presbyterians, but when the union of the two churches was declared, they cast their lot with the Presbyterian church, U. S. A. The defendants were Cumberland Presbyterians who refused to recognize the union and the question was who held the right to use the church property.

The opinion is of considerable length, reviewing the great number of previous church cases throughout the country, as well as the church creeds of the two churches trying to unite.

The court holds that under the constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, the general assembly had no authority to enter into this union, without first amending its creed and constitution, which was not done. The court, after quoting section 43 of the Cumberland Presbyterian constitution, says: "The constitution has dealt with the manner of enlarging the church and in a manner which does not indicate that there should be a surrender of the church organization, the church name or the creed. Authority to 'receive' unto itself does not mean to go to another. The written instrument having mentioned the specific way by which mergers or unions can be formed with the church, viz., by receiving other bodies under its jurisdiction, excludes the idea of enlargement, by such church going in under another organization."

The court also takes up the proceedings of both churches and shows from their reports that neither church claimed that there was identity of belief, faith or doctrine. It also compares the two church confessions of faith and catechisms and shows that there was not identity in belief, faith and doctrine.

The court further holds that even if the constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian church had permitted a union of that church with another, yet no union of two churches could be made which would carry the church properties, unless there was substantial identity between the two creeds or confessions of faith, and that there was not such identity of creeds in this union as would carry to the new church property, or property held in trust, for the Cumberland Presbyterian church. On this point, the court says: "The universal rule is that where there is a schism in a church, those remaining faithful to the tenets of the church at the time of the dispute, whether they be in the majority or in the minority, are entitled to hold the property."

Miss Virgie Shouse and nephew, Knute Weber, returned from Kansas City Thursday evening.

Dr. B. C. Hyde of Kansas City spent Thursday night here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hyde.

Mrs. Z. W. Wright and daughter, Ruby, went to Waterloo yesterday for a brief visit.

N. W. Bullard, who was called here recently by the death of his son, A. B. Bullard, left Wednesday for his home in Columbia.

Dr. J. M. Cheney, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Wilson, for the past few days, returned to Independence Wednesday.

Death of Mrs. James McDowell.

Mrs. Lena McDowell, wife of Jas. McDowell, died Wednesday at 2:30 a. m. at her home on Lafayette street after an eight weeks' illness with tuberculosis. Mrs. McDowell had been an invalid for some time.

Mrs. Lena McDowell was born in Illinois in 1878 and came to Lexington eleven years later. Her maiden name was Lena Brown. In 1901, she married Mr. McDowell. Three children were born of this union and all survive. Besides her children and husband, Mrs. McDowell is survived by one brother, Dan Brown of near Lexington; and two sisters—Mrs. Eph Blevins of this city and Mrs. James Blevins of Higginsville.

The funeral was held from the home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by the deceased's pastor, Rev. O. M. Rickman.

Arm Broken.

Mrs. George Hutchinson fell against a dresser in her home at 1916 east Franklin avenue Tuesday afternoon at six o'clock and sustained a compound fracture of her left arm half way between the shoulder and elbow. Mrs. Hutchinson displayed amazing fortitude and bore the pain undisturbed. She is reported as doing nicely.

Ice Cream.

I am prepared to furnish ice cream in any quantity for individuals or societies. My wagon comes to town every day. I use only fresh pure cream. Stop the wagon or phone 403.

John R. Potts.

Presbyterian Church.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, June 13th at 11 o'clock. Preaching by Dr. A. E. Rogers.

Ridley Bell spent Thursday in Higginsville.

Mrs. O. O. Crawford spent Thursday in Kansas City.

E. M. Taubman went to Kansas City Thursday on business.

Miss Sisle May Mitchell visited in Wellington Thursday.

Mrs. Lucy Yates left Thursday for a trip to St. Joseph.

Miss Pinkie Chinn went to Kansas City Thursday for a brief visit.

Mrs. Frank Slaughter and little daughter, Elizabeth, went to Kansas City Thursday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Newton Potter and her three children returned Thursday from a visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Wallace and daughter, Miss Margaret, left Thursday morning for an extended trip to Charleston, Iowa.

Sidney Wilson returned to Corder yesterday after a visit with his aunt, Mrs. D. M. Frasier, in this city.

Miss Edna Stramckel left yesterday for Chicago for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. C. B. Sexton.

Mrs. W. E. Constock came down from Kansas City Thursday evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ohlles.

Mrs. S. N. Wilson and her three daughters, Misses Katharine, Elizabeth and Theresa, left yesterday for Warrensburg to visit relatives.

Dr. E. C. Gordon left Thursday evening for Lexington, Virginia, to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Washington-Lee University.

Arthur Gordon, who for the past year has been a student at Westminster college at Fulton, came in Thursday evening to spend the summer with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Gordon.

Misses May and Alice Peak went to Kansas City Thursday to meet their sister, Mrs. J. O. Rush of Forest City, Ark., who will accompany them home for a visit.

Mrs. E. G. Frick, Mrs. W. G. Frick, Miss Jennie Preston and Mrs. Ramey Benton of Kansas City, and Mrs. Frank Fulkerson of St. Joseph, arrived Wednesday evening to attend the Young-Fulkerson wedding.

For the best Tea, Lipton Tea, Gun Powder Tea, Imperial Tea, English Breakfast Tea or mixed Tea go to Jos. L. Long Cash Grocer.

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Jos. L. Long Cash Grocer.

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Jos. L. Long Cash Grocer.

CORDER ITEMS.

Clarence Peoples was in Alma on business Monday.

C. L. and Wm. Wilson were in Higginsville Sunday.

Gwinn Thompson has been very ill for the past week.

C. W. Lewis received two carloads of feeders from Kansas City this week.

Miss Ellen Hughes of Kansas City came down last week to visit in Corder with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes.

E. S. Willis was in Marshall on business last week and returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. R. L. Gaines left Tuesday evening for Kansas City to visit Mrs. John Peoples.

Miss Hattie Peoples, formerly of Corder and lately of Helena, Mont., stopped over here last week while on her way to New York and is visiting friends and relatives. Miss Peoples looks well and the people of Corder are glad to see her and have her among them.

Misses Frances and Nellie Van Meter attended the wedding of Mr. Walter Slusher to Miss Nellie Waggard which took place in Kansas City June 2nd. The groom lived near Waverly and is known to a large number of Corder people.

Wilson Frazer of Lexington visited in this city with relatives last Sunday and was accompanied home by his cousin, Sydney Willis.

Next Sunday afternoon the Corder baseball team will play Houstonia at the ball park here. Houstonia has one of the fastest teams in Pettis county and a good game is expected. Admission 25 cents. Ladies free.

The Children's day exercises were held at the Christian church last Sunday night. A large audience was present to hear the children. The program began at 8 o'clock and consisted of songs, drills and recitations. The audience enjoyed the exercises.

Miss Edna Frerking entertained a few invited guests at a house party at her beautiful home on Main street last Saturday. A few out-of-town guests were present and the merry making lasted until a very late hour. Light refreshments were served and all enjoyed the evening.

Corder is certainly on the boom this year. In addition to all previous additions we are glad to note that an automobile is now owned by two young business men of the city, Leo Wollerman and Arthur Frerking. The machine is a "red devil" of the Maxwell make. The owners have been doing some nice riding since the machine arrived last Friday and both of the gentlemen, we think, will turn out to be good chauffeurs. Several other men of the city intend to secure machines.

Last Sunday the Corder ball team played a game with Higginsville. A large crowd of spectators was present from Higginsville and Corder and on account of the heat the water boys were well patronized. The game was interesting to the Corder spectators because Corder scored so many more than the visitors that it was actually a shame to take the money. But towards the last the game evened up a little. Notwithstanding this fact the score read as follows: Corder, 13—Higginsville, 11.

Miss Hannah Groves entertained the pupils of her Sunday school class and their friends at a reception last Friday night at her home on North Lafayette street. Miss Hannah received the guests and the fun began. The yard was beautifully illuminated by gas lights which made it appear as if it were the place for such an occasion. The hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Joda, did all within her power to make the evening a pleasant one and it proved up to her efforts. At an early hour of the evening the party adjourned to the parlor where games of every sort and description were indulged in. About 10 o'clock the guests were called to light refreshments consisting of strawberries, ice cream and cake. Soon after refreshments the crowd was startled by the appearance of two ghostly looking personages who ran through the crowd in very life like manner and caused all the neighbors to be aroused by the terrible screams of the girls. But the party contained one hero. Corder Reynolds was brave enough to chase the ghosts and the minute he was going to touch one of them they instantly disappeared. The guests departed at 11:30.

MAYVIEW NOTES.

Geo. Altmanberger received a telegram last Saturday that his brother who lives in Illinois died that morning. He left on the C. & A. to attend the funeral.

Misses Platner and Webb of Grand Pass are the guests of Mrs. Jennie Riley this week.

J. G. Worthington transacted business here last Saturday.

Judge Bott was over to Lexington last Thursday on business.

J. Edward Eilitt of Anderson, Mo., is spending the week with friends.

Frank Arthur is the guest of friends here this week. His home is in Galena, Kansas.

G. A. Frerking of Corder was here last Tuesday attending to business and seeing his friends.

C. A. Keith of Lexington was here on legal business before Esq. Puckett's court.

Al Webb with Lute Reynolds passed through here last Monday in his auto on the way to his home in Grand Pass.

Miss Viola Puckett is on the sick list this week. Last Wednesday her illness was serious. She was better at this writing.

John W. Newmann, an old Confederate soldier, went to Higginsville last Thursday to participate in the decoration services at the Confederate Home.

Hon. J. P. Chinn of Higginsville was here last Thursday on business. As our Senator we feel proud of him. He was willing to let "the people rule."

Lucius F. Weaver of Independence knows a good thing when he sees it or hears of it. He made a special trip to be at the Old Men's dinner and to meet his many friends in and around Mayview.

Q Ellefrit and wife of Galena, Kans., came in last Sunday for a visit with the family of Wm. L. Smith and wife, Mrs. Ellefrit's parents.

S. M. Greene has about completed the topographical lines between Mayview and Malta Bend. He says the route is over a mighty fine country. It is a mighty long lane that has no end.

Otto Nolte, our P. M., is starting a brand new mustache. It has been so long since he had one that he wants to see if he can raise another one. We hope he will succeed and that it will be up to his entire satisfaction.

Miss Mary Luce of Warrensburg was selected as teacher in room No. 2 for the coming term. The school will be under the charge of Prof. A. A. Ross Principal; Miss Mary Luce, Intermediate; and Miss Virginia Watkins, Primary.

Last Saturday was a gala day for our town. We entertained the "Old Men's club" and we think we did it beyond criticism by the most dyspeptic crank. The attendance of old men was not up to the general average. Those who were here can look back and say "it was good to be there." They will meet in Odessa next September.

Grandpa Sheerwood, Mrs. F. L. Weaver and Mrs. Thos. Norfleet of Independence, Maurice Norfleet and Maurice Norfleet, Jr., of Kansas City represent five generations. Photographer Fear of Odessa came down and took photos of them, which will be appreciated by the families interested.

Bonds.

The Board of Education of Lexington, Mo., will receive sealed bids on or before 7:30 p. m. June 28, 1909, for 12000, 10 20 year Lexington School District Building Bonds. Rate of interest four per cent per annum. Interest payable semi-annually.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Education, Lexington, Mo., June 2, 1909.

Albert F. Winkler,
Secretary.

Mrs. F. R. Neet visited in Kansas City yesterday.

W. A. Marquis went to Kansas City yesterday morning on business.

Mrs. J. C. Shelton spent yesterday in Kansas City.

Rev. C. G. Meyer returned yesterday from a trip to Warrenton, Missouri.

Misses Mary and Georgia Robertson went to Aullville yesterday morning for an extended visit.

Miss Gladys Winn left Thursday evening for New York City to visit her sister, Mrs. J. A. Darling.

County Court.

The county court met Monday with all members present.

The bridge south of T. K. James' place was ordered repaired.

John Walker, county surveyor, was ordered to survey the road on the east and north of the southwest quarter of section 32, township 30, range 26 and the road in sections 10 and 11, township 49, range 24.

Judge Klingenberg was authorized to have a new bridge built west of Hodge.

River Rising.

Contrary to the predictions of Prof. Connor of Kansas City, the river has continued to rise until it is now almost over the banks. There are indications, too, of a further rise. Wednesday morning the water began running through the slough.

Flouring Mill Directors.

The stockholders of the Lexington Flouring mills at their meeting last Tuesday re-elected the following directors: J. J. Forster, Walter B. Waddell, James E. Catron; Jos. L. Long and Wm. H. Chiles.

The directors then organized and re-elected the old set of officers. The mill is now in flourishing condition.

WAVERLY NOTES.

F. W. McClure returned from a business trip to Chicago last week.

Mrs. Leyton Yancey was in Lexington several days last week.

W. L. Martin was in Higginsville the first of the week.

Mrs. Geo. Hackley was in Marshall several days last week.

George Gordon and wife were in Kansas City the first of the week.

W. M. Tussay was in Carrollton several days this week.

Ralph Burnet left Friday for St. Louis.

Mrs. Fanny Thomas was in Kansas City several days this week.

Mrs. G. W. Hackley visited relatives in Mt. Leonard this week.

W. H. Thompson and daughter, Ruth, returned from Boonville Saturday.

Col. Tom Prichard, of St. Louis is visiting N. P. Buck and family this week.

Mrs. John Davis was called to Blackburn last week by the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Sallie Hoard.

Mrs. W. J. Masterson of Blackburn is visiting Mrs. Dave Davis this week.

H. Oelschaefer of Kansas City was in town several days this week.

Collin Davis of Kansas City arrived Wednesday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Miss Georgia Davis of Grand Pass is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. John Ault.

Miss Lillian Edwards returned to her home in Hodge after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Leach.

C. M. Ponkerton returned to his home in Blackburn after a visit of several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. John Davis.

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Lexington Postoffice Saturday, June 12, 1909.

Frank Anson, Miss Threse Aroil, Miss F. Boyd, M. J. Brockway, Mrs. Maggie Calton, Mary Dean Davis, Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Miss Josie Ervin, Mrs. Alice Foudren, Mr. and Mrs. Simon J. Fisher, J. F. Harris, Mr. Honover (9), Miss Leta-Lindsay, Mr. R. L. McPhearson, Miss Edith Miller (3), Miss Lucy Muller, Effa Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Dora. Shawe, Mr. Francis Stone, George Toudrand, Mrs. Gussie Thurst, Miss Lizzie Walker, Mr. W. T. Wheeler, Miss Elia Wheeler, Mr. Jack Wheeler, Mr. Geo. L. Waifekammer, Miss Mista Wood, Mr. Lester Yarrington.

When calling for these letters please say they were advertised.

DELIA CROWDER,
Postmaster.

Miss Mattie Marquis went to Kansas City Thursday for a brief stay.

Miss Nora Potts left Thursday for an extended trip to Colorado.

Mrs. Ada Carter went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the summer.

Col. Sanford Sellers left Thursday for a trip to Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Geo. Berghofer and Miss Lillie McIntyre spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Young-Fulkerson.

A half past nine Thursday morning a simple wedding, yet one of the prettiest of the season, occurred at the home of Dr. J. J. Fulkerson in East Lexington, when Miss Lillian Fulkerson was united in marriage to Mr. Felix Young. The details were faultlessly carried out and the ceremony was exceedingly impressive.

There were about seventy-five relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom assembled in the home, tastefully decorated in pink and green when the beginning of the ceremony was announced by Mendelssohn's Spring Song, played on the piano by Miss Lavinia St. Clair. This was followed by Wagner's Wedding March from Lohengrin, to which the bridal party entered. The garland bearers who carried garlands of honeysuckles were Misses Lucy Mansfield, Theresa Wilson, Elizabeth Jean Young and Elizabeth Farrell. Miss Blanche Fulkerson, the maid of honor and sister of the bride, preceded the bride, who entered on the arm of her father. The groom accompanied by his best man, Mr. Barnett Young, met the bride at the improvised altar. They stood under a canopy of green, lined with white.

Dr. E. C. Gordon, pastor of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony—a modified form of the Episcopal service, using the ring. The couple knelt for the benediction. During the ceremony Miss St. Clair played softly Schumann's Traumerel and afterwards Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The bride never looked lovelier than she did in her gown of white mull and lace in princess style. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and sweet peas. The maid of honor wore white and pink and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

After receiving the congratulations and best wishes of the guests, Mr. and Mrs. Young left amid a shower of rice for Lexington Junction, to take a train for Excelsior Springs. After a short trip they will be at home at 395 South Thirtieth street.

Coleman Eckle Injured.

Coleman Eckle, the 15 year old son of Dr. W. R. Eckle, had the misfortune to break his right arm while picking cherries for Mrs. Oscar Andreen Thursday afternoon. Coleman was not in the tree when the accident happened, but was in the act of moving a heavy ladder. The ladder caused him to lose his balance and fall. One of the small bones in his right wrist was broken, and while it is not a very bad break it will nevertheless disable him until the cherry season is over.

W. D. Meng was in Higginsville Wednesday.

William Marquis was in Higginsville Wednesday.

H. F. Blackwell spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Edgar Cox returned from Kansas City Tuesday evening.

G. C. Marquis went to Wellington Wednesday on business.

Capt. M. L. Belt returned to Higginsville Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ada Carter went to Higginsville Wednesday to visit relatives.

Miss Edna Nagel left Wednesday for an extended trip to Butte, Mont.

Miss Fannie Sawyer returned Tuesday evening from a brief stay in Independence.

Mrs. Louisa Nagel returned Tuesday evening from a visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Milton Boyle returned to Kansas City Wednesday after a visit with his father, C. F. Boyle, here.

John Ryland returned home in Kansas City Wednesday after a visit of several days with relatives.

Leroy Farmer, Jr., returned Thursday evening from a trip to Glasgow.

Insurance.

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W. V. CURTIS.

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French Dry Cleaner

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